MENIALS IN THE HUZUR SECRETARIAT—PARTICULARS OF

83. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the total number of persons in the menial service in the Huzur Secretariat;
(*b*) the number of Arayans?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) Thirty-one.
(*b*) Nil.

KUVAPPADAM SCHEME—COST OF

84. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) what will be the total cost of the Kuvappadam scheme;
(*b*) has Government approved the scheme;
(*c*) if the answer is the negative, what are the reasons for not accepting the scheme?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) The estimated cost is Rs. 4,51,250.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) In view of the present international situation the scheme has been postponed for the duration of the war.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: With regard to answer to sub-division (c) does it imply that the scheme will be taken up after the war?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It can be considered again after the war.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Is the scheme approved.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It involves a lot of expenditure. The scheme therefore requires further scrutiny.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT PEISHKAR, PERSONAL ASSISTANT, ETC.

85. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to define the functions and duties of the following officers.—
(*a*) the Diwan Peishkar;
(*b*) Assistant Diwan Peishkar;
(*c*) Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar;
(*d*) Special Officer for Prices?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:
(*a*) All powers vested in the Diwan Peishkar by Statutes and under the provisions of the *Land Revenue Manual.*
(*b*) Disposal of all correspondence relating to the revenue work of the Diwan Peishkar other than those specified in Schedule I appended. He will also be in charge of the work of Food Production Commissioner from 16th Karkadagam 1117.
(*c*) Vide Schedule II appended. *(Please see Appendix I)*
(*d*) Duties connected with the control of prices as contemplated in the Defence of India Act as made applicable to Cochin and those connected with the working of the provisions of the Food Grains Control Order.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Is not the present Assistant Diwan Peishkar the Census Officer?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes. He is.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Is he given any allowance for this work?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: He is given no allowance.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether some experience in the revenue line will not be of considerable help in the discharge of the duties of the Assistant Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: I think he was dealing with these papers in the Huzur Office and he has passed the Revenue Test.

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The following demands were then put and carried.—

			Rs
6.	Excise (Cranganur)	..	3,248
11.	Forest and Tramway	..	4,46,235
35.	Uplift of the Depressed Classes	..	69,073
24.	Do. (Cranganur)	..	2,350
15.	Finance and Accounts	..	69,425
38.	Miscellaneous	..	32,960
21.	Do. (Cranganur)	..	50
37.	Income-tax	..	21,318
26.	Stationery and Printing	..	1,64,718
23.	Stationery (Cranganur)	..	1,250
12.	Registration	..	1,00,532
8.	Do. (Cranganur)	..	3,537
9.	Stamps	..	23,819
7.	Do. (Cranganur)	..	543
13.	Anchal	..	87,945
9.	Do. (Cranganur)	..	2,459
33.	Rural Development	..	9,737

The House rose for the day at 5-5 p.m.

K. S. RAGHAVAN

Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX I

(See answer to question No. 85)

SCHEDULE I

The Assistant Diwan Peishkar will dispose of all correspondence relating to the Revenue work of the Diwan Peishkar other than those specified below.—

1. All work in connection with the Legislative Council except making arrangements for the conduct of Elections and Bye-elections and preparation of Electoral Rolls. Even in regard to the conduct of Elections and Bye-elections and the preparations of Electoral Rolls, the papers will go to the Diwan Peishkar wherever the Statute directs that a particular function should be exercised by the Diwan Peishkar.
2. Passing of awards in Land Acquisition Cases and Settlement of differences as regards valuation when there is such difference between the Tahsildars and the Departments for whom the lands are acquired. Repayment vouchers and refunds of lapsed deposits will continue to be passed by the Diwan Peishkar. The draft declaration will go in the name of the Diwan Peishkar, as also references to Courts.
3. Reports to Government on matters which are not of a routine character.
4. Matters on which there is disagreement between officers of the Revenue Department and other Departments and Municipalities.
5. All appointments, leave (except casual leave) and punishments.
6. Sanctioning of items of expenditure not of a purely routine character.
7. All Stamp Cases.
8. All bills which, under the *Account Code* have to bear the authority of the Diwan Peishkar.
9. Any other matter which calls for the exercise of the authority conferred on the Diwan Peishkar by any Statute.

SCHEDULE II

Powers delegated to the Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar

1. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar under the Land Conservancy Act, IV of 1096.
2. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar under the Joint Land Registration Act, II of 1103.
3. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar in respect of quarrying and mining referred to in Chapter IV of the *Land Revenue Manual*

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4. To sanction sales of land for recovery of arrears of revenue.
5. To dispose of audit objections raised by the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.
6. Inspection of the office of the Fishery Superintendent.
7. Verification of stamps in the Single Lock store in the Stamp Office.
8. Mustering of pensioners.
9. Periodical visits to the Mental Hospital.
10. Local inspections authorised by the Diwan Peishkar.
11. Supervision over the progress of land acquisition cases.
12. To carry on all interim correspondence.

APPENDIX II

(See answer to question No. 89)

Statement showing the acreage, etc., of Plantation and Regeneration areas for the last 10 years from 1107 to 1116 in the different Taluks

Serial No.	Nature of area	Taluk				Total	Varieties of trees
		Talappalli	Trichur	Mukundapuram	Chittur		
1	Teak Plantation	542·02	209·22	2473·48	..	3224·72	Teak, Rosewood and Superior species of Junglewood such as Irul, Venteak, Pullamaradu, Chadachy, Koromarudu; Vedamkorna, etc.
2	Regeneration area	436·25	1116·30	..	243·50	1796·05	
	Grand total	978·27	1325·52	2473·48	243·50	5020·77	

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